

When I was six I starred in my first play. It was the character of Rooster in the musical Annie. Now, at age forty-three, I look back and can honestly say that the impact of that production helped influence me in becoming the person that I am today. That's quite a statement I know, but this is the impact that an amazing experience in the arts can have. This is why I believe so strongly in the Academy, and why I know what happens to us as young children has a lasting impression.

I created the Academy two years ago with a single aim in mind: to give young aspiring artists the chance to learn in a safe and creative environment, from professionals who make their living in the arts. Two years later that mission remains the same, and we have augmented the program by expanding the number of courses we offer. This year we are offering new photography, art, as well as adult acting and singing courses. We have also slowly adapted and changed aspects of the existing courses to best reflect the needs of our students. For example, our Curtains Up! programs: are now 40-weeks, as opposed to two 20 week courses.

Similar to the school calendar, Academy students will begin in September and present a fully mounted production in May. This new format will allow the instructors to help build a solid foundation with the students over a longer period of time. We understand this means a bigger commitment from parents and students - and I am confident that the results will speak for themselves.

Enrolling yourself or your child in the Academy is an investment for the future. A solid foundation in the arts is a gift that will keep on giving in many ways for years to come. I also feel strongly that all students in our program should be getting out to experience live theatre. That is why all students enrolled in any of our 40-week courses will receive a City Playhouse pass, which will allow them to see several of our productions, including the Canadian Opera Company's production of Hansel and Gretel. All students will receive the Academy Newsletter (new for 2011/2012), which will include helpful information on what's happening in the arts scene.

Life is learning. Let's learn together.

**Sam Rosenthal**  
Theatre Operations Supervisor

# ADULTS

## Adult Ensemble Introductory

Students of the ensemble are introduced to core theories and acting techniques. Aspiring actors will recite monologues, poems, and written pieces of their choice, and present this work to friends and family at the end of the session.

**Age:** 19 years+      **Fee:** \$450/20 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Wed	Sep 21	City Playhouse	6:00-7:30pm	178583

## Adult Ensemble Advanced

Advanced students of the ensemble delve deeper into theory and acting techniques. Actors focus on scene work and Shakespearian monologues, which they'll present at the end of the session in a spring showcase mentored by professionals. Note: This course is for actors with previous experience who are looking to enhance their acting skills.

**Age:** 19 years+      **Fee:** \$450/20 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Wed	Sep 21	City Playhouse	7:30-9:00pm	178584

## Adult Musical Theatre

A highly specialized course combining acting and singing techniques through musical theatre performances. While ensemble work is integral, this course is specifically designed to challenge the individual by covering material that features each performer. The program will culminate in a spring showcase mentored by professionals.

**Age:** 19 years+      **Fee:** \$450/20 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Wed	Sep 21	City Playhouse	7:30-9:00pm	178582

## Advanced Photography

This course is designed for shutterbugs who are comfortable using a camera. Participants will learn about proper equipment, understanding the use of capturing and freezing, motion, depth of field, different types of light meters, ISO settings, and working with wide, telephoto and normal lenses. Please note: participants must bring their own camera.

**Age:** 17 years+      **Fee:** \$150/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sun	Sep 25	City Playhouse	1:30-3:00pm	178577
Sun	Jan 8	City Playhouse	1:30-3:00pm	178579

## Stage Craft Level 1

An introduction to stage craft for those who prefer working behind the scenes. Learn the proper design and construction of stock scenic elements such as risers, flats, jacks and stairs. Strong focus will be on the proper and safe use of tools.

**Age:** 16 years+

**Fee:** \$169.50/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Tue	Sep 27	City Playhouse	5:00-6:30pm	178593
Tue	Jan 10	City Playhouse	5:00-6:30pm	178594

## Stage Lighting & Sound Level 1

Learn to light the stage in this introductory program, which focuses on lighting design concepts, theatrical electrics, and sound reinforcement for live theatre and musicals. The program is divided into classroom theory and hands-on theatre work. Class room material deals with lighting concepts such as the use of direction, colour, intensity, and movement, and sound concepts of gain structure, feedback, microphone selection, placement, and routing. The hands-on component includes the types and uses of instruments, hanging and focusing, console programming, system set-up, mixing on a large-format professional console, and the use of out-board gear.

**Age:** 16 years+

**Fee:** \$225/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Tue	Sep 27	City Playhouse	6:30-8:30pm	178597
Tue	Jan 10	City Playhouse	6:30-8:30pm	178598

## YOUTH

### Drawing & Painting - Discovering your Inner Artist

Young artists explore a variety of techniques using ink, pencil, charcoal, conte, crayon, watercolour, acrylic, temperapaints, chalk and oil pastel, and mixed media. At the end of the course all artwork will be displayed in the lobby of the City Playhouse Theatre for friends and family to view.

**Age:** 11 - 14 years

**Fee:** \$150/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sun	Sep 25	Rosemount CC	2:00-3:30pm	177631
Sun	Jan 8	Rosemount CC	2:00-3:30pm	177632

### Graphic Novels - Creation & Design

Are comic books your thing? Learn the basics of writing and illustrating a graphic novel of your own! In this program you'll put your ideas on the page, developing characters and narrative, creating scene-by-scene outlines, and then drawing your story. Being encouraged to think outside the box will help sharpen your creative writing and illustration skills.

**Age:** 12 years+

**Fee:** \$109/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sat	Sep 24	Rosemount CC	1:40-3:10pm	177627
Sat	Jan 7	Rosemount CC	1:40-3:10pm	177628

## Lights! Camera! Action! - Senior

From a TV commercial to a miniseries, learn to nail that audition! Aspiring actors discover how to get the most out of a script, choose the right agent, and audition well. Participants receive tips on how to prepare, perform and act professionally at television auditions, and learn to leave a positive impression with directors. Students apply the theories learned in recorded mock auditions, and receive a DVD of their work at the end of the course.

**Age:** 11 - 14 years

**Fee:** \$157/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Mon	Sep 26	City Playhouse	6:15-7:45pm	166557
Mon	Jan 9	City Playhouse	6:15-7:45pm	166722

## Preparing your Portfolio

An advanced course for students pursuing higher education in visual arts. Young artists will create and maintain a workable portfolio which will include ink, pencil, charcoal, conte, crayon, watercolour, acrylic, temperapaints, chalk, oil pastel, and mixed media.

**Age:** 12 years+

**Fee:** \$150/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sat	Sep 24	Rosemount CC	12:00-1:30pm	177605
Sat	Jan 7	Rosemount CC	12:00-1:30pm	177611
Sun	Mar 25	Rosemount CC	10:00-11:30am	179035

## Shoot and Click

Calling all shutter bugs! Come learn the basics of photography in this fun filled beginner's course. Participants will learn the ABC's of what makes a camera work, how to use a camera, and how to shoot indoors, outdoors and landscapes. An end of term slide show of the participants work marks the conclusion of this 10 week course. Participants are required to provide their own cameras.

**Age:** 11 - 14 years

**Fee:** \$150/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sun	Sep 25	City Playhouse	12:00-1:30pm	178443
Sun	Jan 8	City Playhouse	12:00-1:30pm	178444

## CHILDREN

### Curtains Up!

In this introductory acting course, industry professionals teach aspiring actors creative drama and improvisation techniques including mime, movement, action narration, and collective character development. Participants learn the art of acting in a non-competitive environment that emphasizes team building, creative self-expression and confidence. A studio presentation, where participants showcase their acting chops to family and friends, brings the program to a close. This activity is eligible for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit.

**Age:** 6 - 8 years

**Fee:** \$157/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Mon	Sep 26	Westmount	5:00-6:30pm	166550
Mon	Jan 9	Westmount	5:00-6:30pm	166719

## Curtains Up! Triple Threat

Become a 'triple-threat' by studying singing, dancing and acting during this intensive 40 week course. A fully-produced spring production mentored by professionals will take place at the end of the session. An audition to determine roles happens on the first class; all roles are decided by the course director. Please note: Due to the nature of this course students must be available for all classes.

**Age:** 6 - 10 years

**Fee:** \$581/37 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sat	Sep 24	Westmount	11:30am-1:00pm	166552

**Age:** 11 - 14 years

**Fee:** \$581/37 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sat	Sep 24	Westmount	1:15-2:45pm	166553

## Drawing & Painting - Discovering your Inner Artist

Discover your inner artist while exploring a variety of techniques using ink, pencil, charcoal, conte, crayon, watercolour, acrylic, temperapaints, chalk and oil pastel, and mixed media. At the end of the course all artwork will be displayed in the lobby of the City Playhouse Theatre for friends and family to view.

**Age:** 6 - 10 years

**Fee:** \$150/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sun	Sep 25	Rosemount CC	12:20-1:50pm	177629
Sun	Jan 8	Rosemount CC	12:20-1:50pm	177630

## Hip Hop Dance

Learn to dance like the professionals in music videos! This course teaches aspiring dancers the art of hip hop, an informal, athletic dance that originated in the South Bronx during the 1960's. Participants learn how to move their body to the fun and funky beats and rhythms of popular hip hop music. Participants showcase their hip hop skills during a dance recital for family and friends at the end of the session.

**Age:** 6 - 10 years

**Fee:** \$174.75/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sat	Sep 24	Westmount	11:30am-1:00pm	166555
Sat	Jan 7	Westmount	11:30am-1:00pm	166720

## Jazz Dance

It's all about jazz! Aspiring jazz dancers learn the fundamental techniques to one of the most popular, upbeat and entertaining dance styles in the world. By pairing historical jazz rhythms, kicks and turns with contemporary music, participants improve coordination, strength and flexibility, and foster self expression, develop confidence and poise. Participants showcase their personalities in unique and fun jazz dances during a recital for family and friends at the end of the session.

**Age:** 6 - 10 years

**Fee:** \$125.50/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sat	Sep 24	Westmount	1:30-3:00pm	166556
Sat	Jan 7	Westmount	1:30-3:00pm	166721

## Lights! Camera! Action! Junior

From a TV commercial to a miniseries, learn to nail that television audition! Aspiring TV actors discover how to get the most out of a script, choose the right agent, and audition well. Participants receive tips on how to prepare, perform and act professionally at television auditions, and learn to leave a positive impression with directors. Students apply the theories learned in recorded mock auditions, and receive a DVD of their work at the end of the course.

**Age:** 6 - 10 years

**Fee:** \$157/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Mon	Sep 26	City Playhouse	4:30-6:00pm	166558
Mon	Jan 9	City Playhouse	4:30-6:00pm	166723

## Shoot and Click

Calling all shutter bugs! Come learn the basics of photography in this fun filled beginner's course. Participants will learn the ABC's of what makes a camera work, how to use a camera, and how to shoot indoors, outdoors and landscapes. An end of term slide show of the participants work marks the conclusion of this 10 week course. Please note: participants must bring their own camera.

**Age:** 7 - 10 years

**Fee:** \$150/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sun	Sep 25	City Playhouse	10:30am-12:00pm	178574
Sun	Jan 8	City Playhouse	10:30am-12:00pm	178575

## PRESCHOOLERS

### Theatre Minors - Introduction To Theatre

A first-time theatre experience for future stars of the stage and screen! In small groups, little entertainers have fun acting out stories, engaging in role play, singing and dancing. Whether shy or outgoing, preschoolers will blossom in this drama program, which builds confidence, encourages creative self-expression, and improves listening and speaking skills.

**Age:** 3 - 5 years

**Fee:** \$112/10 classes

Day	Date	Location	Time	Code
Sat	Sep 24	Westmount	10:00-11:00am	166560
Sat	Jan 7	Westmount	10:00-11:00am	166726

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The City Playhouse is pleased to offer a variety of methods to register your children in our Academy programs. Registraton methods:

- Online: [www.RecEnrollVaughan.ca](http://www.RecEnrollVaughan.ca)
- Touch-tone phone: 905-653-6488
- Drop off/fax: Drop off or fax completed registration forms at your local community centre - forms available in the Vaughan Recreation Guide or online at [www.vaughan.ca](http://www.vaughan.ca)
- In person: at any Vaughan community centre

Please note that all City of Vaughan registration, refund, cancellation, credit and withdrawal policies apply to our City Playhouse Academy Courses.

For more information, please call 905-326-7469.

### Registration Dates:

#### Fall 2011/Winter 2012 Sessions:

City Playhouse / Westmount - Tue Aug 17, 2011  
Rosemount CC location - Wed Aug 18, 2011